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<b>Serial No.:</b>	10/618,394
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/618,394 for "Coupled Styrenic Block Copolymers and Process for Preparing Same"  
Inventor(s): Robert C. Bening, et al.  
Filing Date: July 11, 2003  
Attorney Docket No.: W-0006

Dear Sir:

Please find the following enclosed documents:

1. Response to Final Office Action Mailed February 7, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit KRATON Polymers U.S. LLC Deposit Account No. 50-1951 for the fees necessitated with the filing of this correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Masse".

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                  Bening, R.C., et al. §  
Application Serial No.: 10/618,394 §  
Filing Date: July 11, 2003 §  
Title: Coupled Styrenic Block Copolymers §  
          and Process for Preparing Same §  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 7, 2005**

In response to the final office action mailed February 7, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 7, 2005, please enter the claim amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.